

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A cover plate for household devices, comprising a decorative part and a reinforcer with integrated, molded-on functional elements, where the reinforcer has the structure of a sheet or box or crate and has a closed lower side, and where the reinforcer is welded to the decorative part.
2. (currently amended) A cover plate as claimed in claim 1, where the decorative part is composed of a support, of a decorative layer applied thereto, and of a heat-cured layer situated on the decorative layer and where the reinforcer is welded to the support of the decorative part.
3. (original) A cover plate as claimed in claim 2, where the decorative part also has an intermediate layer between the support and the decorative layer.
4. (currently amended) A cover plate as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, where the support is composed of a thermoplastic.
5. (canceled)
6. (original) A cover plate as claimed in claim 1, where the reinforcer has the structure of a box or crate.
7. (original) A cover plate as claimed in claim 1, where the reinforcer also has ribs.
8. (original) A cover plate as claimed in claim 1, where the integrated, molded-on functional element comprises a dispenser box.
9. (original) A cover plate as claimed in claim 1, where the integrated, molded-on functional element comprises a condensation box.
10. (original) A cover plate as claimed in claim 1, where the integrated, molded-on

functional element has an apparatus for an integrated water duct.

11. (original) A cover plate as claimed in claim 1, where the reinforcer is composed of thermoplastic.
12. (Withdrawn) A process for producing a cover plate as claimed in claim 1, which comprises firstly securing integrated, molded-on functional elements to the reinforcer and then bonding the reinforcer to the decorative part by welding.
13. (Currently amended) A method of connecting a cover plate as claimed in claim 1 to a household device, which method comprises firstly securing molding the integrated, molded-on functional elements to onto the reinforcer, and then bonding the reinforcer to the decorative part, by attaching a snap connector and then fastening the functional elements to the household device.
14. (canceled)
15. (currently amended) A method ~~of connecting a cover plate as claimed in claim 14 as constituent of 13, wherein the household dryer device is a dryer.~~
16. (currently amended) A method ~~of connecting a cover plate as claimed in claim 14 as constituent of 13, wherein the household device is a washing machine.~~
17. (currently amended) A method ~~of connecting a cover plate as claimed in claim 14 as constituent of 13, wherein the household device is a dishwasher.~~
18. (new) A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the functional elements are screw domes, clips or snap connectors.
19. (new) A cover plate as claimed in claim 4, where the reinforcer is composed of the same thermoplastic as the support.

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20. (new) A cover plate as claimed in claim 19, where the thermoplastic is polypropylene.
21. (new) A cover plate as claimed in claim 1, where the reinforcer and the support collectively form a closed box- or crate-type component.